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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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US CL : 702/179

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
U.S. : 702/179, 19, 22, 30-32, 179, 181, 183; 707/3; 705/10; 706/45, 54

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched
NONE

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)
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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
Y	US 6,219,674 B1 (CLASSEN) 17 April 2001 (17.04.2001), column 3 line 13 - column 12 line 52.	1-14
Y	US 5,583,758 A (MCILROY et al) 10 December 1996 (10.12.1996), column 2 line 52 - column 19 line 24.	1-14
Y,E	US 6,421,665 B1 (BRYE et al) 16 July 2002 (16.07.2002), column 2 line 64 - column 10 line 47.	1-14
A	US 6,067,524 A (BYERLY et al) 23 May 2000 (23.05.2000), column 2 line 14 - column 7 line 45.	1-14
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